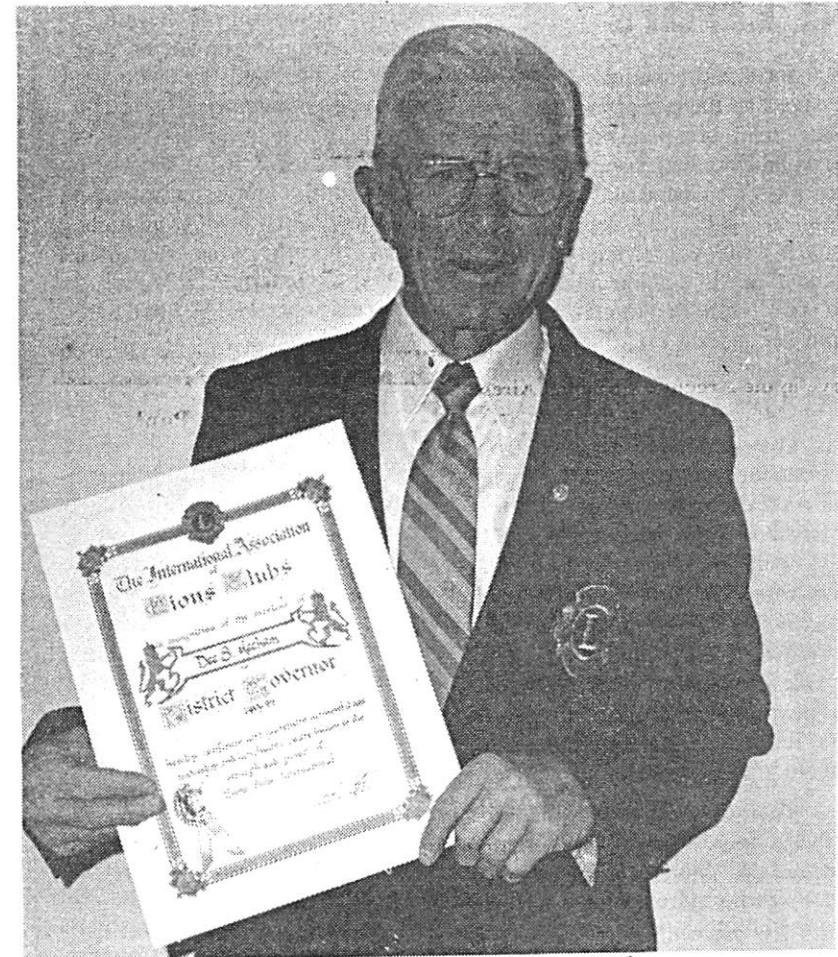


## District Governor Awarded To Lions Club District President



Dee Mecham, immediate past District Governor was confirmed to have fulfilled the requirements for the coveted one hundred percent District Governor Award recently.

"A great deal of credit for the continued growth must go to individuals such as Dee," said James T. Coffey, International President of the Lions Clubs Association.

Mecham's generous contributions of energy, time and resources, given unselfishly to the cause of Lionism, are truly appreciated.

His record in qualifying for this most significant award proves clearly Mecham has truly given a

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Lion's share in accomplishing the organization's goals.

A one hundred percent District Governor Award and signed certificate were enclosed as tokens of the deep appreciation and commendation of the officers and directors of Lions Clubs International.

Coffey extended his very warmest personal regards for all Mecham had done to make his year of tenure a great one. It was noted that Mecham had strengthened the capacity of both his district and the entire association to accept the many opportunities during his tenure as District Governor.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

*People, Places and Events*

When events occur for the first time or when people achieve new things there is usually popular acclaim to remember the events or the people. There are many memorable "firsts" in Wallsburg, including the following:

The first school house and church building was constructed inside the fort area and Mrs. Lucina M. Boren was the first school teacher. The first school house outside the fort was the home of Martin Ford, and the first regular school building was on the property of George L. Batty. Miss Josephine Wall was teacher in 1859. Teachers who came to these first schools lived in the homes of Jennie Allred, Susan Davis, Amber Ford and Mrs. John Graham.

Some of the first musicians that played for dances were William Bancroft, dulcimer; George Allred, Amber, Martin and Alfred Ford, James Wheeler and William Davis who played the violin, organ and guitar.

Mrs. Polly Mecham was the first doctor in Wallsburg and used herbs as well as faith and prayer in caring for the sick. Mrs. Annie Mecham, wife of John L. Mecham, also was an early doctor in the area.

The first irrigation ditches were made by W. J. Boren and William Haws.

The first post office was directed by William E. Nuttall and the mail was carried on horseback and carriage by Dixon Greer. The mail route from Wallsburg was to "String Town" or what was later Harry Watson's farm near Charleston. Other postmasters included S. D. Greer, George Dabling, George P. Garff, Della Mecham, Orpha Wall and Alice C. Graham. Mail carriers included Abram Penrod, Elijah Davis, Ray Boren, Ellis Boren, Willard Davis, John Wall and Roy V. Loertscher.

The first manufacturing was the production of shingles. Owner of the first shingle mill was William Nuttall. John Parcell, Enoch Richens and Elijah Davis also owned an early mill. There were many good lumber mills and carpenters, including William Ford and Martin Ford Jr., who were especially skilled at manufacturing caskets.

The first piece of machinery brought to Round Valley was a mower and reaper owned by Martin Ford, Sr.

The first shoemakers were W. J. Boren, William Haws and Luke Burdick. Mr. Boren was also a skilled cabinetmaker. Early stores were owned by Dick Camp, James Allred, Jacob Harris and Dixon Greer.

The first saw mill was owned by William Penrod, W. J. Boren and James Wheeler. William G. Nuttall and Daniel Bigelow also owned mills.

Martin Ford and William Stoker brought the first cook stoves to the valley. Prior to this all the cooking had been done in fireplaces. Cooking utensils consisted of a kettle on three legs, a bake oven and a deep frying pan 4 Aug. 1864.

Susann Wall, Enoch Gurr and John C. Greer were the first white children to be born in Round Valley 24 Feb. 1865.

Some of the first dramatists in Round Valley were Eathan A. Duke, Joseph Kerby, Polly Allred, Belle Penrod, Frank Allred, Mr. and Mrs. How Duke, Ezra Greer, Parley Ford, Earl Ford, Mark Kerby, William Ford, Gertrude Ford, John Whiting, Alfred Ford, Leone Allen, Myrtle Ford and some others.

## SCHOOLS IN WALLSBURG

A combination church house and school building constructed of logs plastered with mud was the scene of the first classwork in Wallsburg. Mrs. Lucina M. Boren taught in the small building which was located inside the fort walls.



The Wallsburg School constructed in 1904 from red sandstone and still in use.

When the community expanded outside the fort, Martin Ford's home was used as the school and Aaron Thomas, a Christian minister, served as the teacher.

Later, a combination school house and dance hall was built on property owned by George L. Batty. A second school house was built a few years later and boasted two rooms of red sandstone construction. The present school was built in 1904 by Edd Snyder, and also was of red sandstone. When the building was constructed the town was bonded for \$4,000, but the indebtedness was soon paid off and \$1,500 in cash was turned over to the Wasatch County School District when Wallsburg District was discontinued and all county schools were consolidated.

Lucina Mecham Boren began teaching in the winter of 1865 and these teachers followed: Josephine Wall Rogers, Dixon Hamlin Greer, Richard Cecil Camp, George Pickup, F. W. Hathenbrook, Aaron Thomas, all before 1875. Then D. Camp Wray, Richard J. Nuttall, Ada Glenn,

## Derral Frank Mecham

Our dad, Derral Frank Mecham, was born on June 28, 1919 in Altona, Utah, the eldest of five children, on a farm where his father, William Lynn Mecham was working. The family moved to Sallins when dad was about three, travelling through Price and the Uinta Basin in a wagon pulled by two horses. They cooked on open camp fire and slept under the wagon at night.

Our father went to Snow College where he was elected Student Body President and competed in debate tournaments at the national level. While at college dad and two other boys lived in a room in the attic of the family home, where he met our mother, Mona Beal. He left college to join the Civilian Conservation Corp and was sent to Zion National Park and to Bryce National Park. Dad helped to build trails throughout the parks. Many of these trails are still used today. Dad was later moved to a desk job where he was made the Assistant Educational Advisor.

Our father knew that it was only a matter of time until the U.S. would be drawn into World War II and decided to leave the CCC and join the Army. Dad was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, when Pearl Harbor was bombed. While at Fort Lewis, dad met a soldier that would get up early every morning and then would march up and down the parade ground over and over again. That soldier was Dwight Eisenhower. On March 30, 1942, while still in Washington, dad married our mother, Mona.

In Sept. 1942 dad was made a 2nd Lt. and trained soldiers all over the U.S. While on maneuvers in Kentucky, dad decided to apply to the Army Air Corp and was accepted. The Air Corp sent dad to Kansas, New Mexico, and Texas for his training. Dad was trained in advanced aerial gunnery and went to bombardier/navigator school. Dad then went to Boston, Mass. where he traveled to Glasgow, Scotland on one of the world's most famous ships, the *Queen Mary*. Then dad went to England where he spent the rest of his time. Dad served as a bombardier on a B-17 with the 8th Air Force 3rd Air Division. After V.E. Day dad traveled to Wales, Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland and then to Idaho to await his transfer to the Pacific Theater of Operations. The Air Corp awarded dad with 3 Bronze Stars, an Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster. During this time, his daughter, Patricia was born.

After the war, dad went to BYU, where he earned his Master's Degree in Geology.

Dad went to work for the Ohio Oil Co., which later became Marathon Oil in 1948. Dad went on to become a nationally renowned geologist. During this time his daughter, Kathryn was born. The family lived on the Oraibi Indian Reservation with the Hopi Indians and dad worked with both Hopi and Navajo Indians. Dad played a key role in developing the oil fields in that area.



Dad's job took him all over the United States and while he was in Casper, Wyo., his son William was born.

Our dad retired in 1979 and spent his time working around the house and spending time with his seven grandchildren. Dad enjoyed riding his bike and taking long walks.

Dad passed away on August 20, 1998. Derral is survived by his sister, Lois; children, Patty and Bill; and seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

In appreciation for the many qualities that make you so special in the hearts of our family and friends.

For sharing yourself with us in so many ways— as bountiful provider, problem solver, protector, handyman, helping hand, guiding light and source of loving care, wisdom and trust.

For the times you listened so patiently, supporting us so specifically, understood so readily without words.

For your dedicated efforts to make our home a welcome place, to live and grow.

And especially just for being yourself and inviting us to be ourselves. Fathers are forever, and I'm so glad you were ours.

A viewing will be held at 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

and Services at 12 noon at Wasatch Lawn

Mortuary, 3401 So. Highland Drive, on Tuesday,

August 25, 1998.

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## MECHAM, Douglas Ferrel and Kay Thomas

Douglas Ferrel Mecham was born December 18, 1955, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the third son of Garth Davis and Kenna Day Mecham. Doug's grandfather, Ernest Mecham was born in Wallsburg, Utah. Shortly after his marriage to Nellie Davis, they moved to the Salt Lake Valley, where their family line continued. Doug grew up in Kearns, Utah, where he attended South Kearns Elementary, Kearns Jr. High, and Kearns High. Many of Doug's early hobbies were shared by his family. They would make their dad drive all over Southern Utah looking for rocks, fossils, and arrowheads. With both parents being school teachers, they would spend all their summer days together camping, boating and water-skiing. In high school, Doug was very involved in swimming. (Something he still enjoys today.) After completing high school, Doug enrolled at Snow College, where he met his wife, Kay.

Kay Thomas was born July 15, 1956 to James Eldon and Thelma Mackay Thomas. Just as Doug is the third son, Kay is the third daughter in her family. She was also born in Salt Lake City, Utah. She attended Pioneer Elementary, Valley Jr. High, and Granger High. She also came from a very close knit LDS family. They enjoyed making memories on their family vacations. Kay also enjoys boating and camping. She also likes to water-ski and swim (when the water is warm).

Doug and Kay met at an Institute Opening Social, their first weekend at Snow College. It seemed to be love-at-first-sight and for six months, they had some very fun times in Ephraim. On March 1, 1975, Doug left on a mission to the Uruguay-Paraguay Mission. While Doug was gone, Kay finished at Snow College and went on

to BYU. They were married shortly after his return, on August 17, 1977 in the Salt Lake Temple. In May of 1978, Kay graduated from BYU, and in August of that same year, their first child, a beautiful baby girl was born. Teresa Kay Mecham was born August 8, 1978. Jeffrey Douglas Mecham was born the following year, on September 11, 1979. Tenille Mecham was born April 1, 1982, and Justin John Mecham was born, May 24, 1983.

Doug and Kay have always tried to follow the righteous examples set by their parents. They have tried to serve faithfully in all their church callings. Doug has served in Elders Quorum and Young Men's Presidencies. Kay has served in Primary and Young Women's Presidencies. They have enjoyed being in the Heber 2nd Ward for just over a year. They moved to Heber in July of 1986. Before this time, they would drive through Heber on weekends and holidays, marveling at the beauty and serenity of the valley. 197

### Dwayne Meacham

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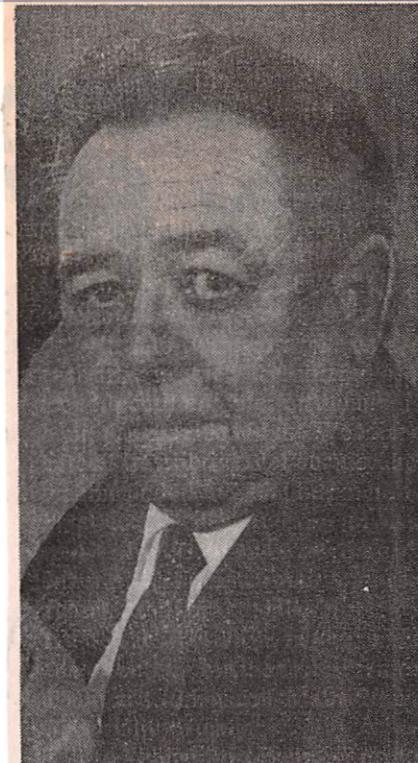
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Active member LDS Church. Veteran of Korean War.

Survived by wife, Heber City; children, Lloyd and Tammy Meacham, Ballard, Utah; Randy and Stacey Meacham, Jane and George Gurr, both of Roosevelt; Brenda and Michael Williams, Steamboat Springs, Colorado; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson; mother-in-law, Maurine Pitts, Heber City; 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Heber 7th Ward Chapel (240 East 400 South). Friends may call Sunday 6-8 p.m. at Olpin Mortuary and Monday at the church one hour prior to services. Interment: Roosevelt Cemetery.

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